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Abstract

5 The invention proposes an internal combustion engine
and an exhaust-gas purification method for an internal
combustion engine having an exhaust-gas purification
system comprising an NOx storage catalytic converter
and a downstream SCR catalytic converter, wherein the
10 NOx storage catalytic converter can be supplied in a
first operating mode with an oxidizing exhaust gas and
in a second operating mode with a reducing exhaust gas.
In the first operating mode, the NOx storage catalytic
converter removes NOx from the exhaust gas by
15 accumulation. In the second operating mode, accumulated
NOx is at least partially reduced to form NH₃ in the NOx
storage catalytic converter.

According to the invention, a third operating mode is
20 provided in terms of time after the first operating
mode and before the second operating mode, in which
third operating mode an exhaust gas which has a lower
content of oxidizing constituents than the first
operating mode and a lower content of reducing
25 constituents than the second operating mode can be
supplied to the NOx storage catalytic converter.